

Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Member Discussion
March 23, 2010

Karen Blades	CC EMA	Emergency Management
Connie Dall	CECOS	Facility Operator
Ed Humphrey	Board of County Commissioners/Co-Chair	Elected Officials
Ralph Hyre	Citizen	Community Groups
Gene Langschwager	CC EMA	Radiological Officer
Hanna Lubbers	CC OEQ	Environmental
Beth Nevel	CC EMA/Co-Chair	Emergency Management
Rob Perry	Clermont County Health District	Health
Tom Peterson	ARC	First Aid/ARC
Kevin Riley	Central Joint Fire & EMS Department	Fire/EMS
Guests In Attendance		
Keven Clouse	OEMA	guest
Gary Miller	ARC	guest
Julianne Nesbit	Clermont County Health District	guest
David Radabaugh	Evergreen Environmental	guest
Becky Ober	CC EMA	guest

Call to Order/Introduction/Pledge of Allegiance

Beth Nevel called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made.

Rob Perry made the motion to adopt the Minutes from the January 21, 2010 with corrections as needed. Tom Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ongoing Business

Membership Applications

Four additional membership applications are pending acceptance by both by the Board of County Commissioners and SERC.

Spill Reports

This quarter were 4 spill reports; included are 2 residential fuel oil spills, one transportation spill and a mercury spill at a public school. The LEPC briefly discussed public outreach measures to recycle mercury thermometers. Rob Perry discussed the health district's program. It was suggested the health inspectors; if they have the opportunity during an inspection, look for mercury thermometers in schools. There are recycling programs offered by the General Health District, EPA and OEQ.

Tier II Report

40 Tier II Reports have been entered into the Tier2Submit database and there are approximately 40 remaining to be entered. Entry will continue until all submissions are entered and failure to file facilities identified. Letters will be sent to these facilities.

Committee Reports

HMEP FY 2010 Grant award for the Clermont LEPC is \$37,712.00; the grant administration procedures have been modified. It is now follows EMPG process.

Fuel Oil Sub-Committee reports Jeff Lykins, President of Lykins Oil, will be invited to meet with the group. This will be valuable as his point of view reflects commercial interests. The sub-committee will soon meet and move forward with this project.

A brief discussion on the oil tank tie down program offered to low to moderate income homeowners in the river communities after the 1997 flood. There was minimum interest by the homeowners to participate in this no cost program. The recent table top exercise in New Richmond revisited the problem of unsecured oil tanks. There is interest in this project.

Training

Beth Nevel requested the LEPC approve \$1000.00 to sponsor two SOFEMS classes. The LEPC didn't budget funds for SOFEMS as they didn't hold a training classes eligible for payment during the last grant. The \$1000.00 paid for FY 2009 Grant was refunded to the LEPC. An additional \$1000.00 was also requested by the fire services to hold hazmat training.

Ed Humphrey made a motion to approve a total of \$2,000.00 be made available for training classes and the budget revised accordingly. Gene Langschwager seconded the motion. Without additional discussion the motion was passed.

New Business

There is blasting in the county. A tunnel is being created as part of the Shayler Run Sewer Replacement Project. Beth Nevel explained all permits are in place and that it isn't a consideration for LEPC review and there aren't any reportable quantities of explosives stored in Clermont, they are brought in the same day they are to be used.

Beth Nevel presented an overview of the March 18th Multi County Functional Exercise for the members who didn't attend. The state level exercise was based on severe weather and requiring emergency power generators, our exercise was based on a hazmat event involving a train derailment in Goshen Township.

A hot wash for the March 18th functional exercise was conducted. Evaluators were requested to attend this meeting. Connie Dall, Gene Langschwager, Gary Miller and Julianne Nesbit, all evaluators, attended the meeting as did Keven Clouse, facilitator, and Beth Nevel, controller. The exercise planning committee members, Tom Peterson, Rob Perry, Beth Nevel, Keven Clouse and Karen Blades also attended.

The hot wash participants discussed of challenges and strengths of the exercise. One weakness out of our control was the weather scenario. It impacted our MSEL which impacted the flow of the exercise. This is the first time Clermont County exercised using a SIM cell. The SIM cell provides information and pacing for the exercise. The MSELs are the messages and injects for the exercise. The goal of the exercise was to test the EOC operations and deployment of resources.

The LEPC reviewed the evaluations, Objective 1, Notification of Response/Support Agencies. Weakness noted were failure to have representatives from EPA, PUCO or the Rail Commission in the EOC or a liaison person assigned. In Objective 2, Incident Assessment, 5 of the 10 points of review were not met. EOC staff wasn't asking enough questions. Identified shortfalls include, EOC training including WebEOC, more prompts were needed to expedite communications and it appeared EAS was slow to be activated. Additional identified shortfalls included inconsistencies of communications with terminology. It was recommended there be a briefing before the exercise in order to educate participants on expected outcomes. It can be noted, security at the jail was tight and time allocated for these meetings was taken in the entry process. The planning team liked using the SIM cell. The LEPC members individually read the evaluations of the other objectives.

Status of Plan Review

The exercise review will be used to update the Plan.

Meeting Schedule for 2010

The LEPC would like to visit the EOC; this will be accomplished at the next meeting. The meeting schedule for the remainder of 2010 is June 3, 2010 and September 2, 2010.

Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2010 at the Clermont County EOC, 9:30 to 11:30.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Connie Dall and seconded by Ralph Hyre. It was voted and passed. Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 A.M.